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		First Named Inventor	Peter M. SIMONSON
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		Art Unit	3726
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
Fee Description							Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent							50
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Multiple dependent claims							360
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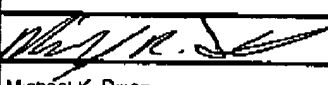
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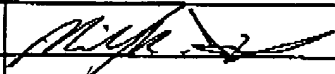
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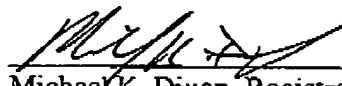
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